

322 Eighth St., NW (Commercial Building)
(Piccolo's)
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-499

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 322 Eighth St., NW (Commercial Building)		HABS NO. DC-499
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE "Piccolo's"		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 322 Eighth Street, N.W., Square 408, Lot 13		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1900 - Building Permit #1851, 6/6/1900	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) C. Morris (Building Permit #1851, 6/6/1900)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The structure has its original storefront and upper level in Federal Revival elements. The building's massing and materials contribute to an overall image of stability and balance making it a visual anchor in the immediate neighborhood.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Commercial style with Federal Revival details.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Reinforced concrete columns and slabs. Exterior Roman brick facing.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangle - approximately 25'x95'x45'. Basement plus three stories.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Original storefront with four projecting show windows; clerestory level above show windows; rusticated stone piers; Classical portico at northwest corner, full entablature; symmetrical upper levels, two window bays per structural bay; textured stone quoins; Second level recessed window frames, round arches (see attached sheet #1)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) First floor - Uninterrupted area, restaurant accommodations; ornate pressed metal ceiling. Second and Third floors - open plan, vacant wood floors, moldings, window architraves. Basement: open plan, concrete floor. Open well with half turn (see next page)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Staircase between basement, first floor - Building Permit #182463, 7/13/1935. This open stair has been removed.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE GOOD CONDITION - Restaurant on basement and ground; storage on 2nd floor; 3rd floor vacant.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This building lies within the boundaries of the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site. It is scheduled for redevelopment as part of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation's Historic Preservation Plan, 1977.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Records, National Archives - building permit information.		
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EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (cont'd.)

stone sill; stone impost course and keystones. Third level: Stone jack-arches.
Parpet: overhanging metal cornice, supported by brackets, egg-and-dart dentil
string courses.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (cont'd.)

stairs at western end. Elevator shaft with no cab.